

Rārangi Take Kauhihera
Whanokē

Extraordinary Council Agenda

To hear submissions on the Cemeteries Bylaw

Monday 14 October 2024 at 11 am
Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera



Ngā Mema o te Komiti / Committee Members



Phil Nixon
Mayor



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Councillor



Mark Bellringer
Councillor



Celine Filbee
Councillor



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Councillor



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Councillor



Steffy Mackay
Councillor



Tuteri Rangihaeata
Councillor



Bryan Roach
Councillor



Brian Rook
Councillor



Diana Reid
Councillor



Racquel Cleaver-Pittams
Councillor

Apatono / Delegations

The Full Council's role is to carry out responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2002. It is the final decision-making authority within the Council and generally ratifies recommendations made by other committees.

It is made up of all Councillors and the Mayor.

Powers that cannot be delegated

The powers that cannot be delegated by the Council are:

- (a) the power to make a rate
- (b) the power to make a bylaw
- (c) the power to borrow money, or purchase or

dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan

(d) the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan or annual report

(e) the power to appoint a chief executive

(f) the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.

(g) the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy

Huinga Tāngata / Attendance Register

Date	03/04/24	13/05/24	20/05/24	22/05/24	04/06/24	12/06/24	24/06/24	08/07/24	05/08/24	02/09/24	04/09/24	04/09/24	16/09/24	25/09/24
Meeting	O	O	E	E	E	E	O	E	O	E	E	E	O	E
Andy Beccard	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	A	AO	AO	A	A
Mark Bellringer	A	√	√	√	√	A	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	A
Celine Filbee	√	√	A	A	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√
Te Aroha Hohaia	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Leanne Horo	A	√	√	AO	√	A	√	√	√	√	A	A	A	AO
Aarun Langton	√	√	A	A	A	√	√	A	√	A	A	A	√	√
Steffy Mackay	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Phil Nixon	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Robert Northcott	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√
Tuteri Rangihaeata	X	X	√	X	X	√	A	√	√	X	A	A	√	√
Diana Reid	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Bryan Roach	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Brian Rook	X	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Racquel Cleaver-Pittams	√	√	√	√	√	A	√	AO	√	√	√	√	√	√

Key

√	Attended
AO	Attended Online
-	Was not required to attend
A	Apology
Y	Attended but didn't have to attend
X	Did not attend - no apology

Types of Meetings

I	Inaugural
O	Ordinary Council Meeting
E	Extraordinary Council Meeting

He Karere Haumarū / Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of Council staff.
If there is an earthquake – drop, cover and hold where possible. Please remain where you are until further instruction is given.

He Pānga Whakararu / Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they might have.



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1. **Karakia**
2. **Matakore / Apologies**
3. **Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest**
4. **Kaitāpae-Kōrero / Submitter – Speakers**
5. **Tāpaetanga / Submissions**
6. **Karakia**



Karakia

1. Karakia

Ruruku Timata – Opening Prayer

(Kia uruuru mai ā-hauora,
ā-haukaha, ā-hau māia)

Ki runga

Ki raro

Ki roto

Ki waho

Rire rire hau

Paimārire

*(Fill me with vitality)
strength and bravery)*

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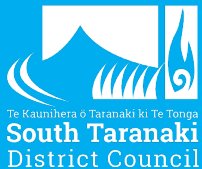
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Inwards

Outwards

The winds blow & bind us

Peace be with us.



Matakore Apologies

2. Matakore / Apologies

Leave of Absence: *The Board may grant a member leave of absence following an application from that member. Leave of absences will be held in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.*



Ngā Whakaputanga

Declarations of Interest

3. Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest

Notification from elected members of:

- a) Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and
- b) Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

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Kaitāpae - Kōrero

Submitters - Speaking

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4. Kaitāpae – Kōrero / Submitters – Speaking

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5. Tāpaetanga / Submissions

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Cemeteries Bylaw

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 20/08/2024

First name: Ron

Last name: Findlay

Preferred method of contact: Email

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

5b Council's preferred option - Provision for natural burials in an identified area.

Your Comments

I fully support the provision of a natural burial site as part of the Hawera Cemetery. I urge the council to act swiftly on this change.

Attached Documents

Link	File
No records to display.	



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Submission Date: 28/08/2024

First name: Stephen

Last name: Corrigan

Preferred method of contact Email

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Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

5b Council's preferred option - Provision for natural burials in an identified area.

Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

6a Status quo - no provision for denominational areas.

Your Comments

I also propose that there is an option for being buried standing up. This will save a lot of space, with multiple family members buried side by side in the same plot. Will just require a deep round hole for the casket.

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Submission Date: 02/09/2024
First name: Shaun **Last name:** Judkins
Organisation: Headstone Warehouse Ltd
Preferred method of contact Email

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

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Feedback

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Your Comments

outside of the above - but still relevant: 10.7 of the current bylaw refers to NZS4242:1995. That has been updated to NZS4242:2018 so bylaw should reflect the updated standard.

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Submission Date: 04/09/2024

First name: Isobel

Last name: Goulden

Preferred method of contact: Email

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

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Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

4b Council's preferred option - A statement that an exclusive right of burial lapses after 60 years, as per section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

5b Council's preferred option - Provision for natural burials in an identified area.

Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

6b Council's preferred option - Ability to establish denominational areas.

Your Comments

Option 2. I think that a normal size plot can accommodate more than 3 lots of ashes. Maybe 6 or even 8. Certainly a lower limit in a cremation plot. I have a large plot

but now feel I will be cremated but still keep this plot. It would be nice to be able to offer more of my family the option of being together.

Maybe more council discretion around this

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 05/09/2024

First name: Yvonne

Last name: Brown

Preferred method of contact Email

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Feedback

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Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

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Your Comments

If you buy a plot why can't you have as many ash boxes as family requests. You buy a large plot and its filled with 3 boxes? Why? My whole family want to be buried together in the one plot. You need another option for 2a

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 06/09/2024

First name: Chris

Last name: Fraser

Organisation:

Bronze Plaques NZ Ltd, (Agents for Veterans' Affairs
in relation to Services Cemeteries and Memorials)

Preferred method of contact Email

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

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Your Comments

There is no mention or reference to Services Person or Services Section of the Cemeteries.

There is clear reference in the Burial and Cremation Act, re purpose and eligibility

Some examples

The Council will not sell the exclusive right of burial in respect of any plots located in cemetery areas reserved exclusively for the burial of deceased persons who have served in Her Majesty's Forces.

Service personnel and spouses

Under the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 the Council allocates parts of some cemeteries for eligible returned servicepersons. The cost of a plot in the Services Section of the cemetery is not passed onto the deceased person's estate. However, the burial fee is charged as outlined above.

Veterans' Affairs New Zealand supports repairs, maintenance and upkeep of services cemeteries. The aim is that services cemeteries are places where veterans are remembered with honour, dignity, and respect, and visitors to services cemeteries will find their loved ones in a well-cared for and serene setting.

Paeroa and Waihi Cemeteries have a Services Section, and there is a Services Section available on the Hauraki Plains ashes wall. The Pūkoro Miramira cemetery does not contain a Services Section.

[Eligibility for Burial in a Services Cemetery \(PDF, 792.4KB\)](#)

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 20/09/2024

First name: Graeme

Last name: Hurley

Preferred method of contact

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Feedback

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4b Council's preferred option - A statement that an exclusive right of burial lapses after 60 years, as per section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Your Comments

Concerns if this is implemented:

- My daughter has purchased a plot in an area where a number of family are being buried she is in her twenties and it is quite likely that she could live past the 60 year deadline if implemented. Under these circumstances this would not be fair and would be distressing for the plot owner. Those that have planned to be close to their family.

Proposal:

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Attached Documents

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Statement of Proposal for new Bylaw



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Our cemeteries provide for around 170 ashes and casket burials each year. To help ensure that the cemeteries are managed appropriately, we have the South Taranaki District Council Cemeteries Bylaw 1992. The Bylaw was last reviewed in 2013. A new Bylaw is required, and there are several parts that we would like to update to better reflect our current cemetery management practice.

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What changes are we proposing?

1. Burial Hours

Current Bylaw / Status quo	Proposed Change / Council's preferred option
1a. Burials between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Sunday but not public holidays unless approved by the Council on request	1b. Burials between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm New Zealand Standard Time or 7.00 pm during New Zealand Daylight Saving Time on Monday to Saturday but not on any Sunday or public holiday unless approved by the Council on request. This includes provision for an extra charge (yet to be set) for burials on Sundays or public holidays to reflect changes to the cemetery management contract.

2. Ashes burials per plot

Current Bylaw / Status quo	Proposed Change / Council's preferred option
2a. Council can refuse the burial of ashes in a cremation plot that already contains multiple ashes.	2b. A maximum of three ashes burials in any burial or cremation plot.

3. Burial of animal remains

Current Bylaw / Status quo	Proposed Change / Council's preferred option
3a. Burial of animal remains or ashes, including companion animals, prohibited.	3b. Animal remains or ashes can be buried with a human body or ashes.

4. Exclusive right of burial

Current Bylaw / Status quo	Proposed Change / Council's preferred option
4a. Refers to section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.	4b. A statement to make it clear that an exclusive right of burial lapses after 60 years, as per section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

5. Natural burials

Current Bylaw / Status quo	Proposed Change / Council's preferred option
5a. No provision for natural burials.	5b. Natural burials included – this would apply to an area to be identified for natural burials.

6. Denominational areas

Current Bylaw / Status quo	Proposed Change / Council's preferred option
6a. No provision for denominational areas.	6b. Inclusion of the ability to establish denominational areas.



Puka Tāpaetanga Submission Form

New Cemeteries Bylaw 2024

Your details

First name/Initials

Graeme

Last name

Hurley

Organisation (if applicable)

Address

[Redacted]

Contact Phone

[Redacted]

Email

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission?

(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to speak)

- Yes
 No

If yes, do you wish to speak:

- In Person
 Online

Options to consider (please tick your preferred option):

1. Burial hours

- 1a Status quo** – Burials between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Sunday but not public holidays unless approved by the Council on request.
- 1b Council's preferred option** - New burial days and hours to reflect changes to the cemeteries management contract.

2. Ashes burials per plot

- 2a Status quo** – Council can refuse the burial of ashes in a cremation plot that already contains multiple ashes.
- 2b Council's preferred option** - Ashes burials limited to 3 per plot.

3. Burial of animal remains

- 3a Status quo** – no burial of animal remains or ashes.
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4. Exclusive right of burial

- 4a Status quo** – reference to section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.
- 4b Council's preferred option** - A statement that an exclusive right of burial lapses after 60 years, as per section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

5. Natural burials

- 5a Status quo** – no provision for natural burials.
- 5b Council's preferred option** - Provision for natural burials in and identified area.

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Regards



Graeme Hurley



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Your Comments

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Submissions close Monday 23 September 2024

Privacy Statement

We collect personal information from you, including your name and contact details, so we can contact you during the Cemeteries Bylaw consultation process.

Besides our staff, we share your name and submission, but not your contact details, with the public as part of the consultation process to assist with our decision-making on the Cemeteries Bylaw. Providing some information is optional. If you choose not to enter contact details, we'll be unable to contact you with regard to the process, for example, to clarify points in your submission and let you know the outcomes.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 20/09/2024
First name: Gordon **Last name:** Blewett
Preferred method of contact
Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?
 Yes
 In Person
Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

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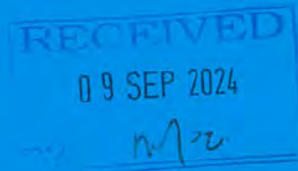
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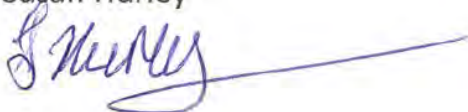
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* Proposal:

- What I would like to Propose is this along with that of my husband, that if the plot owner has kept their personal Contact Details (That is there address and contact information Up to date) with their local Council and all relevant information is stored along with their personal WILL with their lawyer they should have the right to continue to hold the plot with an extension and no extra charges being Implemented against the plot owner.
- If the plot owner fails to keep all relevant information up to date with their local Council, then I could understand that, that right of ownership could expire at the sixty year deadline.

Regards

Susan Hurley





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First name: Kim

Last name: Peters

Preferred method of contact Email

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Your Comments

Comments to the following:

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extra cost to family as there must be an extra cost from contractors.

2b: I would like to see the option of more ashes being able to be interred in a burial plot. I would think that perhaps a total of six cremation ashes or urns in a burial plot as two could go under the berm and four in the area if where a caskets lays. Surely with a shortage of burial ground it would be better for families to be allowed to put more ashes into a burial plot. Also believe that there could be the option of four ashes in a cremation plot depending on size of urns. If council changes the ruling around this what happens in the instant where families have agreed for four ashes to be interred into a cremation plot. e.g.: I have an uncle who we have agreed can go into my grandparents' plot who already have three ashes in this plot. We have already supplied council a letter confirming that we agreed with this request.

In this by law there is no comment whether ashes have to be inside an urn. Has the council considered or thought about ashes being poured straight onto the soil of a dug plot? Does the council allow the scattering of ashes on top of a grave or anywhere specific in a cemetery?

3b: Is there a restriction on size of animal remains to be buried? I would prefer that it is only animals' ashes that could be buried at the same time as a human's body. Would there be a cost for this? If it was a companion dog's ashes in the casket of a person at the time of a person's burial, I would think there was no charge. Could this be statement in the by law be interrupted as being able to bury any animal at any time outside the time of a burial of a human body or ashes.

4b: I agree with this statement being made clearer about the time period or exclusive right of burial / reserves. If someone has a reserve beside their infant child that died 59+ years ago, would this mean they have to give up the right of reserve or would they have notification of the expiry - would council want to charge again for this reserve at the current price for a plot or would this be done by a case-by-case situation?

Attached Documents

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Submission Date: 23/09/2024

First name: Mel

Last name: Foster

Organisation:

NZ Master Monumental Masons Association

Preferred method of contact Email

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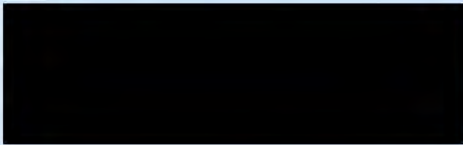
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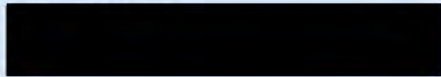
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First name: Casey

Last name: Hurley

Preferred method of contact

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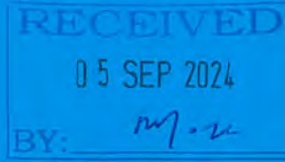
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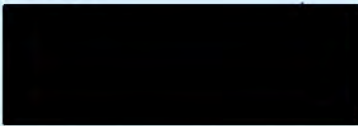
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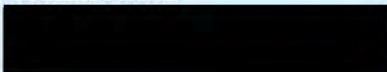
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I feel It's unfair being a young person of 27yrs who has made preparations for the future such as my death that my burial plot could potentially expire before I die.

I had planned to be near my family where access to all is easily found in a small location

Proposal:

I propose that as long as the owner of the plot has kept there contact details up to date wih the council they should be notified upon the plots expiry and be asked if they still need it and if they wish to retain it the plot dating should be extended on the council records with a letter of acknowledgment of the extention free of charge.

Casey-Lee Hurley

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Submission Date: 07/10/2024

First name: G B

Last name: Wright

Preferred method of contact

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Link	File
	GB Wright

G B WRIGHT

Wed July 17 2024.

Dear Mr Nixon,

I was a bit stunned to read an article in the Taranaki Daily News on July 16 2024 that said "Those who buy a plot in one of the district's nine cemeteries will have just 60 years to use it, or the council could sell it to somebody else"

This sounds more like a bureaucratic "clever idea" than a decision based on real world possibilities.

Many years ago my late Father, George Harold Wright bought 4 plots for our family at the Hawera Cemetery. As I was living in Australia for many years, I'm not sure when, but I'm guessing at least 40-plus years ago.

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I will be 76 in September. If I live to my Father's age, I will not die for another 20 years. My sister is 70 this month. If she lives to Dad's age, she will not die for another 26 years



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So there is a definite possibility that one, two, or all three of us will die with no plot to go to, in spite of all three being purchased legally & in good faith. This is surely a border-line position to be in both legally & ethically.

This would mean that our surviving relatives would have to buy new plots at even more exorbitant prices than they already are even though we already own some at present.

I feel that "60 years" is an arbitrary number, whereas "80 years" would be based on reality, namely, on the sort of life span that many people live these days.

Could you please make my position known to the S.T.D.C.'s policy & strategy committee when they discuss this matter in the coming weeks, as I feel that it has not been thought through closely enough.

Yours sincerely,

George B. Wright

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Submission Date: 07/10/2024

First name: Phil **Last name:** Waite

Organisation:

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	Management Submission



20 September 2024

South Taranaki District Council
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Tēnā koutou Mayor and Councillors

Management Submission to Cemeteries Bylaw Review 2024

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We would like to speak to our submission as part of the hearing on 14 October 2024.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Waite".

Phil Waite
Kaihautū Whakamahi – Hanga me te Tūwhare-a-rehia
Operations Manager – Property and



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First name: S M Park

Last name: nee Kirk

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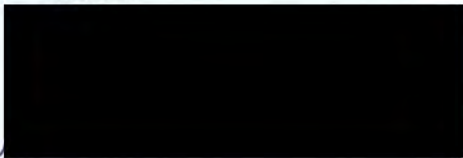
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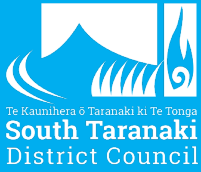
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Ruruku Whakakapi – Closing Prayer

Unuhia, unuhia

Unuhia ki te uru tapu nui

Kia wātea, kia māmā te ngākau, te
tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū

Kia wātea, ka wātea, āe rā, kua wātea

Rire rire hau pai marire!

Draw on, draw on,

Draw on the supreme sacredness

*To clear, to free the heart, the body and the
spirit of mankind*

To be clear, will be clear, yes is cleared.

Deeply in peace!